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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND
THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference HARD1.081VPC</p>	<p>Date of mailing (day/month/year) 20/01/2005</p>
<p>International application No. PCT/US2004/019980</p>	<p>International filing date (day/month/year) 21/06/2004</p>
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<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.</p> <p>Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19: The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.</p>
<p>2. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are transmitted herewith.</p>
<p>3. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.</p>
<p>4. Reminders</p>	<p>Shortly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.</p> <p>The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.</p> <p>Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.</p> <p>In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.</p> <p>See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the <i>PCT Applicant's Guide</i>, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.</p>

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